

REMARKS

Claims 73, 74, 76, 80, 81-84, and 87-94 are pending in the present application. Claims 88-94 have been allowed. Claims 75, 77, 78, 79, 85, 86, 95-99 are cancelled. Claims 73, 76, 81, 84, and 91 are amended. In the Office Action dated September 28, 2004 claim 75 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 76, 77 and 95-99 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 73, 74 and 80 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mak et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,162,715). Claims 81, 85 and 87 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,077,742). Claims 81-84 and 87 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sung (U.S. Patent No. 5,858,831). Claim 78 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mak as applied to claim 73 above, and further in view of Sanchez (U.S. Patent No. 6,081,010). Claims 95-99 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sung in view of Chen et.al. Claims 79 and 86 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The Examiner is thanked for their careful examination of the present application and for their indication of allowable subject matter. Applicant is therefore amending claims in the present application in order to conform with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. It is understood, however, that the applicant does not agree with the Examiner's rejections based on the cited references, and are amending claims solely for the purpose of expediting the issuance of the allowable subject matter. Applicant therefore reserves the right to include any of the present claims, in non-amended form, in any continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part application.

Independent claim 73 has been amended to include the limitations of former dependent claims 78 and 79. Dependent claim 76 has been amended to correct a lack of antecedent for the term "carbon silicon compound." Claims 75 and 77 are cancelled rendering the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph moot. Independent claim 81 has been amended to include the limitations of former dependent claims 85 and 86. Dependent claims 84 and 91 have been amended to correct a typographical error and provide a proper

antecedent basis for the element "the another conductive layer." Claims 95-99 are cancelled rendering the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph moot.

All of the claims remaining in the application (claims 73, 74, 76, 80, 81-84, and 87-94) are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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